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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st. 1874.

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1874.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

*The Selectmen credit the town for the year ending March 1,
1874, as follows:—*

March 14, 1873, Cash and Notes in Treasury,	\$2,929.25
April 1, by list of taxes assessed,	5,642.98
July 26, borrowed of Lucy Simonds,	100.00
Aug. 16, " Samuel Blakely,	150.00
Sept. 27, " " "	150.00
Nov. 13, " " "	100.00
14, " S. B. Sleeper,	200.00
Jan. 3, " David Haynes,	200.00
31, " Samuel Blakely,	200.00
Received of S. B. Sleeper, Collector for 1872,	1,027.62
" Ezra R. Scruton,	23.00
" John F. Vose,	10.00
" from County of Grafton,	210.85
" Savings Bank tax,	89.09
" Literary Fund,	91.43
" Railroad tax,	22.80
" James Crawford, highway tax,	20.69
„ I. H. Bailey, taxes and Int. on Place farm,	20.76
" I. H. Bailey, taxes and Int. on Wm. Bailey farm,	31.16
	\$11,219.63

Disbursements.

Paid State tax,	\$912.00
Paid County tax.	\$618.64
Paid several school districts,	\$911.89
Delivered David Haynes, Town Agent,	\$2,095.70

Paid on Notes.

April 1, paid J. H. Bailey,	\$64.33
“ J. H. Bailey,	167.15
Bridget B. Cass,	1,345.59
David F. Tilton,	95.45
P. W. Akerman,	183.71
David H. Sleeper,	224.72
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	\$2,080.95

Miscellaneous Items.

S. B. Sleeper, services as Collector in 1872,	\$40.00
R. W. Musgrove, printing town reports, 1872,	28.00
Morrill and Silsby, stationery,	9.04
Shem G. Akerman, expenses to Haverill,	10.00
L. C. Locke, ballot box,	3.00
S. W. Knowles, sheep killed by dogs 1872,	8.00
S. L. Gordon, “ “ “	10.00
S. B. Sleeper, “ “ “	6.00
N. B. Cloutman, “ “ “	8.00
C. N. Plumer, “ “ “	3.50
S. G. Akerman, expenses to Hopkinton,	7.00
H. J. Welton, surveying,	5.00
John F. Tilton, damage on highway, in 1872,	20.00
S. B. Sleeper, tax on Place farm 1872,	20.16
“ “ “ Wm. Bailey farm, 1872,	30.26
“ “ “ E. T. Bailey, “ “	44.94
“ “ “ E. T. Bailey, timber land & mill,	22.26
Robert Simonds, damage crossing field 1872,	2.50

E. H. Bullock, damage on highway, 1872,	\$2.10
O. K. Bucklin, " to sleigh, 1872,	2.50
S. G. Akerman, expenses to Hopkinton,	5.90
Morrill and Silsby, stationery,	2.84
John B. Gordon, damage to horse on highway,	100.00
C. N. Plumer, posting bills,	7.90
F. H. Lewis, damage to horse on highway,	26.50
Warren Applebee, ministerial fund,	18.00
John Emery, labor on G. C. Sleeper place,	51.00
Seth Cass, damage on highway,	5.00
Geo. H. Bullock, expenses to Plymouth,	3.35
John Ladd, wood,	2.25
J. A. Corliss, damage on highway,	1.50
Rollins & Bullock, powder in 1872,	3.54
Peter Kimball, services in Clara Morse case,	5.00
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	\$515.04

Paid for Paupers from Town Farm.

F. H. Lewis, support of Hilton family,	39.00
H. B. Fowler, medical attendance for H. D. Hazelton,	15.00
Hiram Clifford, support of Martha Clifford,	32.88
C. B. Hazelton, " H. D. Hazelton,	14.00
Hiram Clifford, " Martha Clifford,	8.20
Sarah P. Lamprey, " Mary Pattee,	10.00
F. H. Lewis, " Hilton family,	30.00
F. H. Lewis, " " "	20.00
P. D. Bailey, " S. Scruton,	12.50
I. S. Chase, medical attendance for S. Scruton,	15.77
J. F. Phillips, for taking paupers to County farm,	13.60
W. F. Simonds, support of Phebe Blake,	13.50
Sarah Lamprey, " Mary Pattee,	24.00
Hiram Clifford, " Martha Clifford,	16.67
J. F. Phillips, moving Ida Morse to town farm,	1.50
Town of Bristol, support of G. C. Sleeper,	46.10
G. A. Robie, coffin,	8.00

Hiram Clifford, support of Martha Clifford,	\$36.66
David Page, services rendered S. Scruton,	4.00
M. S. Akerman, " "	4.00
J. J. Dearborn, medical attendance, S. J. Crane & family,	90.00
Sarah Lamprey, support of Mary Pattee,	26.00
S. G. Akerman moving paupers to town farm,	2.50
F. H. Lewis, support of Hilton family,	32.00
F. H. Lewis, medicine for Hilton family,	11.65
Warren Applebee, attending funeral of S. Scruton,	2.00
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	\$529.53

Paid for Highways and Bridges.

Geo. W. Plumer, labor in 1872,	\$2.00
James Berry, " "	1.50
Blake Fowler, " "	42.65
N. B. Cloutman, " "	5.50
Harvey Locke, " "	10.00
Cyrus French, " "	12.50
David Pope, labor and lumber,	19.25
John W. Sanborn, lumber,	8.00
Geo. H. Bullock, labor,	8.00
John F. Phillips, " "	10.00
John Brock, " "	52.25
" " "	35.85
J. E. Gray, lumber,	3.75
S. D. Gray, labor,	3.00
S. G. Akerman, labor,	15.00
E. C. Merrill, " in 1872,	5.00
R. S. Gray, " "	14.00
Geo. T. Pitman, " "	12.50
Chas. Cloutman, labor and lumber,	100.00
" " "	55.76
James A. Cloutman, labor,	34.28
P. H. Cloutman, " and lumber,	54.19
L. L. Thomas, lumber,	1.90

S. S. Brock, labor in 1872,	\$4.50
S. O. Gray, "	40.50
O. K. Gray, "	11.00
F. A. Gray, "	2.25
A. D. Morrow, labor,	.75
M. C. Mathews, "	1.50
C. G. Simonds, "	2.75
T. S. Hanaford, "	1.50
S. O. Gray, " and lumber,	96.00
F. A. Gray, "	3.00
O. K. Gray, "	4.50
A. D. Morrow, "	3.00
G. T. Pitman, "	1.50
Geo. S. Bailey, " and lumber,	9.50
L. L. Ballou, "	8.00
S. G. Akerman, "	25.00
D. M. Durgin, " and lumber,	21.50
John F. Phillips, "	10.00
Wm. Thissell, "	.90
P. T. Akerman, " and lumber,	32.72
John Clark, " "	5.14
H. D. Gale, " in 1872,	2.00
E. T. Huckins, lumber,	44.98
O. J. Clough, labor in 1872,	3.25
" " "	4.50
Harvey Locke, "	11.50
W. H. Folsom, lumber,	67.20
H. P. Simonds, labor in 1872,	5.00
Samuel Kirk, " "	3.00
G. H. Bullock, " "	3.00
" " "	5.00
S. Scott Patten, lumber,	52.50
John P. Berry, "	28.10
Luke Gale, labor,	8.35
Bradford Bullock, labor,	13.25
John Harron, " in 1871,	31.25

W. G. Lewis,	"	\$1.00
J. S. Chapman,	"	1.50
N. P. Keyser	"	10.35
Chas. Keyser	"	1.20
Ezra Burns,	"	.75
G. W. Heath,	"	2.25
G. F. Mulliken,	"	6.00
W. A. Pearsons,	"	16.00
G. A. Bullock, labor and lumber,		7.00
Cyrus French,	"	2.92
Martin Sargent	"	1.50
I. P. Hardy,	" and lumber,	43.10
P. D. Bailey,	"	4.00
J. S. Chapman,	"	1.00
I. D. Emmons,	" in 1872,	2.45
L. G. Bailey, lumber,		1.00
H. H. Bailey, labor,		2.50
Chas. A. Gale,	"	6.00
O. G. Cass,	"	1.50
James Berry,	"	2.00
John Ladd, lumber,		2.00
L. L. Thomas, labor,		3.00
C. M. Rollins,	"	10.00
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		\$1,204.29

Outstanding orders of 1872.

Paid Joseph H. Patten,	\$1.75
W. H. Sanborn,	2.00
W. H. Sanborn,	1.73
Alfred Cloutman,	3.50
C. W. Tucker,	3.00
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\$11.98	

Paid for Town Farm.

E. R. Scruton, services for 1872,	\$115.00
Ira S. Chase, medical attendance in 1872	10.00
Cyrus Taylor & Son, goods in 1872,	133.88
J. W. Saunders, goods,	40.00
H. D. Gale, blacksmith work,	12.75
S. W. Knowles, services at town farm,	205.53
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	\$517.16

Abatement of Taxes.

Geo. A. Rollins, error in 1872,	\$6.48
David Pingree, " 1871	7.95
Stephen O. Grey, abatement in 1872,	8.00
H. J. Welton, error in poll tax 1872,	2.25
Luke Gale, abatement for watering trough,	3.00
G. W. Plumer, error in taxes,	5.62
C. E. Rogers, abatement,	3.83
Pattee Gale, abatement,	4.15
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	\$41.28

Town Officer's Bills.

Shem G. Akerman, Selectman,	\$95.00
Geo. H. Bullock, "	94.00
John F. Phillips, "	50.00
Orrin S. Gale, Town Clerk,	15.00
Geo. H. Bullock, Town Treasurer,	25.00
C. N. Plumer, Supt. School Committee,	35.00
David Haynes, Town Agent,	15.00
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	\$329.00

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received,		\$11,219.63
Paid State tax,	\$912.00	
County tax,	618.64	
Several School Districts,	911.89	
On Notes,	2,080.95	
Miscellaneous items,	515.04	
Paupers from town farm,	529.53	
Highways and Bridges,	1,204.29	
Outstanding orders,	11.98	
For town farm,	517.16	
Abatement of taxes,	41.28	
Town Officers,	329.00	
In hands of Collector,	1,982.98	
In Treasury,	457.47	
In hands of David Haynes,	1,107.42	
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List of Notes Due from the Town.

D. M. Hall,	\$173.03
Phebe Brailey,	106.00
John F. Brock,	187.59
Mary J. Horn,	106.02
Kittie Blakeley,	210.74
Dorcas Corliss,	738.23
Clark Merrill,	194.56
Ruth Gray,	626.13
Wm. C. Kelley,	494.15
J. B. Aiken,	397.66
Joel N. Bailey,	131.91
Sarah Cheney,	158.30
Lucy S. Blakeley,	130.65
Mary Jenness,	130.65
Joel N. Bailey,	257.53
Samuel Blakeley,	907.57
Frank E. Pattee,	85.48

Samuel Blakely,	\$378.39
P. W. Akerman,	216.29
Lydia Chesley,	246.29
Sally Sleeper,	113.48
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Dorothy Dustin,	669.78
Wm. C. Kelley,	365.90
Edwin C. Merrill,	60.73
James Crawford,	2,016.03
Clark Merrill,	153.36
Ruth A. Phillips,	263.13
Lucy Simonds,	103.58
Samuel Blakely,	154.88
“ “	153.83
“ “	101.80
“ “	201.00
S. B. Sleeper,	203.53
David Haynes,	201.90

\$10,897.06

Debts Due the Town.

In Collector's hands for 1872,	\$194.02
In Collector's hands for 1873,	1,982.98
Due from County of Grafton,	43.65
In Treasury,	457.47
In hands of David Haynes,	1,107.42
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	\$3,785.54

Estimated Debt of the Town, March 1, 1874.

Amount of notes and interest,	\$10,897.06
Due Library Committee,	500.00
Floating debt unsettled,	200.00
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	\$11,597.06

Amount the town owes,	\$11,597.06
Amount due the town,	3,785.54
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Town debt,	\$7,811.52
Decrease of debt,	\$330.60

Respectfully submitted,

SHEM G. AKERMAN, } *Selectmen of*
 GEO. H. BULLOCK, } *Alexandria.*

Report of the Town Farm, March 1, 1874.

1 yoke of oxen,	\$185.00
2 Cows,	70.00
13 Sheep,	104.00
2 Shoats,	30.00
2 two-years-old heifers,	28.00
26 Hens,	13.00
3 Turkeys,	6.00
8 tons Hay,	112.00
Corn Fodder,	3.00
25 lbs Dried Apple,	2.00
10½ Bushels Rye,	10.50
3½ " Beans,	10.50
1¼ " Peas,	2.50
8 " Corn,	4.40
65 " Potatoes,	39.00
Vegetables,	3.00
75 lbs Beef,	7.50
21 " Lard,	3.36
12 gallons Vinegar,	3.60
¼ bbl Pickels,	1.00
½ bush. Salt,	.40
1¾ M. Shingle,	5.25
10 cords Wood,	30.00
Yoke and Bows,	10.00

3 Quilts.	\$6.00
275 lbs Pork.	35.65
12 bush. Turnips,	6.00
5 lbs Butter.	1.50
1 Wash Tub.	1.25
2 " Boards,	.65
5 bbls Ashes,	3.00
1½ bush. Meal,	1.50
1 bbl Flour,	10.00
Improvements on Barn,	15.00
7½ M. Bass lumber,	92.00
3 2-7 M. Ash "	82.15
36-115 M. Oak "	5.00
Due for Bobbin Wood,	43.00
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	\$986.71

Bills contracted by the Town Farm, to March 1, 1874.

J. M. Bishop,	\$10.00
Locke & Jewett,	13.61
Fred W. Bingham,	7.91
D. P. Prescott,	14.72
J. W. Saunders,	187.58
C. Taylor & Son,	146.49
Taylor, Shaw & Co.,	81.14
H. D. Gale,	12.75
Luther Jackson, beef,	22.00
Sundries,	45.50
Hiram Clifford,	2.42
S. W. Knowles, services on town farm,	225.00
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	\$769.12

Bills paid by Town Farm.

J. M. Bishop,	\$10.00
Locke & Jewett,	13.61
Fred W. Bingham,	7.91

D. P. Prescott,	\$12.37
Taylor, Shaw & Co.	8.12
J. W. Saunders,	48.26
Luther Jackson,	22.00
Sundries,	45.50
Hiram Clifford,	2.42
Amount of invoice more than last year,	287.99

\$458.18

Bills contracted by Town Farm,	\$769.12
Bills paid by Twnn Farm,	458.18

Town Farm in debt, \$310.94

Respectfully submitted,

SHEM G. AKERMAN, }
 GEO. H. BULLOCK, } *Selectmen of Alexandria.*

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REPORT OF THE Superintending School Committee.

During the past year nearly all our schools have done as well, perhaps, as could have been reasonably expected, under the circumstances. The larger portion of them have had the services of faithful and competent teachers, who have made it their business to ascertain how much their pupils knew of the subject under consideration, in order to know what course to pursue in the recitation. It is not really necessary that each pupil should be asked a certain question, or that every question in the lesson should be asked, for there are some lessons that do not require much study or explanation; but there are some topics upon which the pupils are deficient, and there is where the work should be. In a recitation it is important to know where the pupils are deficient, and, this being known, these topics can be explained, and the pupils can receive the benefit of the investigations of the teacher. Any one can ask questions but every one is not able to tell what pupils need the most assistance, or what points need the most explanation. In no way can justice be done but by conducting a recitation in such a manner as to impart the greatest amount of information to the pupils, and at the same time to draw from them what information they possess in regard to it. Also all methods of instruction are faulty, that prevent pupils from receiving the instruction necessary to become good citizens. Pupils differ in ability and disposition, and oftentimes one is equally deserving of praise for partially performing a task, as another who performs the whole task.

It is proper to remind teachers that the registers should be properly filled and immediately returned at the close of the schools. Some are deficient in this respect. In a few instances schools have been allowed to commence and continue a few weeks before notifying the Committee.

In the management of our educational interests, each District should select for Prudential Committee one who is governed by the highest motives, earnestly desiring the best results.

C. N. PLUMER, *S. S. Committee.*

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No of District.	Terms of school.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of scholars.	Average attendance.	Wages of teacher per month including board.	No of visits of S. S. Committee.	No. of visits of Prudential Com.	Number of visits by citizens and others.
1	1	12	16	13	\$24.00	2	0	18
2	1	16	25	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	24.00	3	0	12
3	1	11	19	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	24.00	2		5
4	2	8	15	14	24.00	2	1	28
		9	18		42.00	2	1	21
5	2	8	16	14	22.00	2		35
		10	8	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	24.00	2		33
6	1	9	10	7 $\frac{7}{8}$	23.40	1		6
7	2	6	13	12	20.00	2	1	11
		6	13	12	18.00	2		5
8	1	8	14		20.00	1		5
9	1	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	27		22.00	2		10
10	1	12	12	11	21.00	2	1	3
11	1	8	10			1	1	0
12	1	11	9	8	16.00	2	1	18
13	3	6	17		20.00	1		18
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		3	7	7	20.00	1		5
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